

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **09/926,260**
Response filed June 29, 2006
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REMARKS

Claim 8 is pending in the application. Claim 8 has been allowed. Claims 1-7 and 9-21 are canceled.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating on p. 1 and 3 of the Office Action that process claim 8 is allowed.

It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **April 19, 2005**.

Claims 10-16 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC103(a) as obvious over Matayabas et al.(WO 98/29499) (Office Action, p.2)

Claims 10-16 and 18-21 are canceled making this rejection now moot.

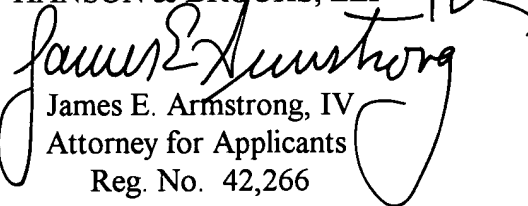
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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